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1. CCD HELD HOUR-LONG INFORMAL MEETING FOLLOWING
PLENARY ON MORNING OF MARCH 20 TO CONTINUE ITS DELI-
BERATIONS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION OF NUCLEAR-FREE-
ZONE STUDY GROUP.

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2. FIRST SPEAKER WAS SWEDISH AMB WHO ANNOUNCED HE HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK PLACE FOR SWEDEN ON THE GROUP, THUS BRINGING NON-ALIGNED SLATE TO TOTAL OF ELEVEN. MEXICAN AMB THEN INTRODUCED PROPOSAL WHICH, INTER ALIA, PROVIDED FOR INVITATIONS TO FOLLOWING GOVERNMENTS TO SEND EXPERTS: AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, ECUADOR, EGYPT, FINLAND, GHANA, INDIA, IRAN, JAPAN, MEXICO, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, ROMANIA, SWEDEN, UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS, UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND ZAIRE. (INCLUSION OF BELGIUM IN LIST REFLECTS MARCH 19 DECISION OF ITALY TO STAND DOWN IN FAVOR OF BELGIANS.)

3. MEXICAN AMB POINTED OUT THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAD THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF GROUP OF 15. INDIAN AMB MISHRA SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK FLOOR TO CONFIRM THAT HE WOULD NOT BLOCK CONSENSUS ON THIS SLATE. NO OTHER DELEGATION COMMENTED ON THE LIST DURING THE MEETING AND ALL DELS APPEARED TO ASSUME THAT PROBLEM OF SELECTING THE PARTICIPANTS HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

4. MOST OF DISCUSSION AT INFORMAL MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO MODALITIES FOR EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO THE STATES SELECTED. MEXICAN PROPOSAL CALLED FOR CO-CHAIRMAN, ON BEHALF OF CCD, TO SEND LETTER TO UNSYG WALDHEIM THROUGH HIS ACTING SPECIAL REP ON COMMITTEE, INFORMING HIM THAT CCD HAD CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR SYG TO INVITE THE 21 GOVTS LISTED TO SEND EXPERTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GROUP. LETTER WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS, PLUS ALL MEMBERS OF UN, BE INFORMED THAT CCD DEEMED IT ADVISABLE THAT GROUP HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON APRIL 7, THAT IT PRESENT ITS STUDY TO CCD NO LATER THAN AUG 15 AND THAT ANY UN MEMBER NOT FORMALLY INVITED HAVE RIGHT OF ACCESS, TO SPEAK AND TO SUBMIT WRITTEN MATERIALS TO GROUP.

5. FRG AMB INTERVENED TO SAY THAT AUG 15 DATE SEEMED TOO LATE FOR PRESENTING STUDY TO CCD. HE OBSERVED THAT DATE FOR ADJOURNMENT OF CCD SUMMER SESSION WAS NOT NOW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KNOWN AND THAT IN ANY CASE CCD SHOULD HAVE REPORT AT LEAST THREE WEEKS BEFORE THAT SESSION ENDED. OTHER WESTERN REPS DID NOT COMMENT ON MEXICAN PROPOSAL DURING MEETING BUT OUR ALLIES HAVE INDICATED PRIVATELY THAT IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES, HOWEVER, MOVED QUICKLY TO OPPOSE MEXICAN PROPOSAL. GDR AMB ARGUED AT INFORMAL MEETING THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD BE ISSUED BY CCD CO-CHAIRMAN AND THAT THERE

WAS NO NEED TO HAVE ASSISTANCE OF SYG IN THIS CONNECTION.
GDR REP ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT CO-CHAIRMEN'S
INVITATIONS TO NON CCD MEMBERS COULD BE DISSEMINATED BY SYG'S
SPECIAL REP ON CCD. SOVIET AMB ROSHCHIN MADE BRIEF REMARKS
ALONG SAME LINES AND PROMISED A MORE DETAILED STATEMENT AT
NEXT INFORMAL MEETING, WHICH HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR
MORNING OF MARCH 21. MEXICAN AMB TOOK FLOOR AGAIN TO
STRESS THAT PROCEDURE FOR ISSUING INVITATIONS WAS
AS IMPORTANT TO HIS DEL AS THE SLATE ITSELF AND
HE INSISTED UPON SYG'S ROLE.

6. CHAIRMAN OF MEETING, AMB BARTON OF CANADA, URGED
REPS OF THE TWO OPPOSING POINTS OF VIEW TO TRY TO
RECONCILE THEIR DIFFERENCES PRIOR TO NEXT MEETING
AND WE UNDERSTAND MEXICANS AND SOVIETS HAVE IN FACT BEGUN
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. IN CORRIDOR CONVERSA-
TIONS, USDEL HAS URGED SPEEDY SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM
AND WARNED THAT A PROLONGED AND SHARP CONTROVERSY
COULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REFLECT BADLY UPON THE COM-
MITTEE ITSELF. WE HAVE INDICATED THAT US WOULD ALMOST
CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ANY PROCEDURE UPON WHICH
SOVIETS AND MEXICANS COULD AGREE AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR
IN DAYS AHEAD TO PROMOTE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THEM SO
THAT STUDY GROUP CAN GET UNDERWAY AT LEAST BY APRIL 7.
IN THIS CONNECTION, SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CCD HAS
DEFERRED TAKING DECISION ON DATE FOR ADJOURNMENT OF
SPRING SESSION UNTIL IT BECOMES CLEARER HOW SOON STUDY
GROUP CAN BE CONVENED. THERE IS CONTINUING, GENERAL
SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF HAVING GROUP BEGIN ITS WORK
BEFORE CCD ADJOURNS. DALE

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